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SUBJECT: F/V KALMAR

- 1. KALMAR ISSUE SETTLED OUT OF COURT MAY 23 WITH POLES AGREEING TO PAY \$350,000 FINE. THE REACTION OF POLISH FISHING DELEGATION MEMBERS TO SETTLEMENT WAS ONE OF RELIEF THAT KALMAR ABLE TO DEPART SAN FRANCISCO BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF PACIFIC COAST FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE DUE TO BEGIN ON MAY 26.
- 2. ATLANTIC FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDED ON MAY 23 WITH AGREEMENT NOW TENTATIVELY TO BE SIGNED ON MAY 29. NEGOTIATIONS PROCEEDED IN VERY RELAXED ATMOSPHERE AND REMARKABLY FREE OF CONTENTION;
- 3. FYI: WHILE NEGOTIATED FINE IS HIGH, IT IS BY NO MEANS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A RECORD WITH SIMILAR FINES HAVING BEEN LEVELED RECENTLY

ON THE SHIPS OF SEVERAL NATIONS INCLUDING THE JAPANESE. IN FACT, GIVEN THE VALUE OF THE KALMAR'S CARGO (ESTIMATED WHOLESALE WORTH OVER \$900,000) AND TOTAL VALUE OF SHIP (REPLACEMENT COST AT TODAY'S PRICES ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN \$9-10 MILLION), THE POLES HAVE GOTTEN OFF EASILY CONSIDERING THE TYPE OF FINES AND PENALTIES WHICH COULD BE IMPOSED ESPECIALLY AFTER CONCLUSION OF A COURT TRIAL. INGERSOLL

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